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Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, this week debate continues in the Senate over a massive health care overhaul. What's at stake for seniors? Many seniors will probably see their benefits cut or higher premiums. The Senate bill cuts more than \$135 billion from hospitals serving seniors. It cuts \$40 billion from home health agencies, \$15 billion from nursing homes, and nearly \$8 billion from hospices—an all-important service our seniors depends on.

Seniors deserve to know how Washington Democrats are going to pay for their massive new government-run bureaucracy because cuts like these will affect their care.

As a heart surgeon, I know that we can do better. We need to work together to strengthen Medicare, putting it on sound footing to ensure that it will be there when seniors need help with their health care costs.

We need to lower health care costs for seniors and all Americans by increasing competition in the insurance marketplace, promoting wellness programs, and limiting frivolous lawsuits in medicine. We can accomplish these commonsense solutions if we work together.

Let's protect seniors. Let's protect Medicare.

AMERICAN JOBS ARE TRENDING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, while one month with fewer job losses does not show success, it certainly shows that we are trending in the right direction.

This blue is since President Obama took office; the red is the time under former President Bush. You see back in January of 2008 we started losing jobs. Here is when the Presidential candidate for the Republicans claimed that the fundamentals of our economy were sound. And in the last month that President Bush was in office, this country lost over 740,000 jobs.

The blue shows the direction under the Obama administration where we are trending in the right direction. It's not success, but it certainly shows we are trending in the right direction from over 70,000 jobs to 11,000 jobs. It's a tragedy for any family that has lost a job, but it does show that one election has truly made a difference in our economy.

JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, you know the American people deserve some answers. Where are the jobs? Ten months after passing a

\$787 billion stimulus package, unemployment has reached 10 percent and thousands of workers have stayed unemployed for 6 months or more. Unfortunately, the Democrats still think throwing money at the struggling economy will fix it.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting different results." The first stimulus didn't work. The new stimulus would only increase the already massive deficit and provide a temporary fix.

Higher taxes and higher spending is not the formula for economic growth. What America really needs is to encourage entrepreneurial activity, help small businesses, and get the government out of our pockets.

OPPOSITION TO STUPAK-PITTS AMENDMENT

(Ms. SLAUGHTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I've witnessed the horror of choice between back alley abortions and sometimes enforced marriages to try to avoid disgrace. Those were the realities that women faced prior to 1973. My fear is if this harmful Stupak-Pitts language is signed into law, we will revert back to those dark times.

Critical to this debate is a breakdown of the facts. The opposition says that it codifies current law. It is grossly incorrect. Stupak-Pitts goes far beyond current law, placing unprecedented restrictions on the individual's use of their own private dollars. The Hyde amendment does not apply to private funding nor does it apply to administrative costs. It has only placed limits on direct Federal appropriations being used to fund abortion benefits. That brings in everyone who has insurance from their employer, which is tax exempt, which means, of course, a Federal subsidy.

The Hyde amendment does not include similar, far-reaching language. Seventeen States currently provide abortion coverage without separate funding.

We must not go back to the back alley.

UNITED STATES IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS CREDIT RATING

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise again this morning to remind this body that we must stop this runaway spending in Congress or we are in jeopardy of losing our AAA credit rating. This would greatly hurt the United States of America's credit.

Moody's Investment Services indicates the United States will lose its AAA rating in 2013 if Congress con-

tinues to put us on this fiscal train wreck of too much spending and record Federal deficits. The Federal deficit for 2009 was \$1.4 trillion, tripling our record. The President's own Office of Management and Budget estimated in August that the budget deficit would be more than \$9 trillion over the next 10 years. Add this to the \$12 trillion in U.S. debt, and we're on a track to nearly double our record.

Mr. Speaker, we must stop the spending and stop it now.

THE BIRTHEERS AND DENIERS ARE WRONG

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, the President is right to go to Copenhagen and lead the world against global warming. He is right to defeat the birthers who have tried to stop him from being President and the deniers who refuse to accept the fact of global warming. Both the birthers and the deniers refuse to accept clear, pure facts.

I just read that a former Governor of Alaska was arguing today in a newspaper that there is no such thing as global warming associated with human activity. She needs to read the National Academy of Sciences report which concludes it is a fact. She needs to read the report of NASA—the people who put the men on the Moon—that concludes this is a fact. She needs to read the NOAA reports about acidification of the ocean which shows it is a fact.

The birthers and the deniers are wrong. We should restore American leadership and make sure the jobs of the future clean energy economy are here, not just in China. The President is right; the deniers are wrong yet again.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, in January, President Obama and congressional Democrats promised spending another trillion dollars would create jobs immediately and that unemployment would not rise above 8 percent. Almost 1 year later, millions of Americans are still plagued by unemployment and many are struggling to make ends meet. In October, 190,000 jobs were lost and more than 2.8 million jobs have been lost since the so-called stimulus was signed by President Obama.

The American people continue to ask, Where are the jobs? I can safely say the answer lies in the House Republican economic recovery plan. Our plan provides targeted tax relief for working families and small businesses. Just as American families must improve their economic situations